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To: [Starling, Ray A. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: FW: Ag Group Letter
Date: Monday, February 26, 2018 1:45:22 PM
Attachments: [President Trump RFS Joint Ag Industry Letter Feb 26 2018.pdf](#)

FYI

Best regards,

Steve

Stephen L. Censky
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Thanks,

Brooke

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Subject: Ag Group Letter

Brooke,

The attached letter signed by multiple Ag groups was sent to President Trump a short while ago. We wanted to pass along.

Thanks,

Jessica

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Subject: Re: NCGA Statement on RFS Waivers Issued to Large Refiner by EPA
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:26:25 AM

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Sonny

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On Apr 4, 2018, at 5:58 PM, Censky, Stephen - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Mr. Secretary,

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Thanks and best regards,

Steve

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Subject: NCGA Statement on RFS Waivers Issued to Large Refiner by EPA

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NCGA Statement on RFS Waivers Issued to Large Refiner by EPA

The following is a statement from North Dakota farmer Kevin Skunes, president of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), on the RFS waivers reportedly granted to a large refiner by the EPA.

(WASHINGTON) April 3, 2018 -- "EPA's reported actions are unacceptable," Skunes said. "EPA cannot undermine the RFS by granting waivers to refiners who are making profits as large as the one reported by [Reuters](#). Granting these waivers significantly reduces the number of gallons of fuel blended with ethanol hurting rural economies and the nation's corn farmers. When refiners aren't meeting their blending obligations, corn farmers pay the price.

"EPA's small refiner exemption process has no transparency," Skunes said. "We need the EPA to live up to Administrator Pruitt's October commitment to senators to, 'act consistent with the text and spirit of the RFS,' and to do so in an 'open and transparent manner that advances the full potential of this program.' We call on the EPA to stop granting these waivers to refiners who make billions of dollars and do not face a true hardship."

About the National Corn Growers Association

Founded in 1957, the National Corn Growers Association represents nearly 40,000 dues-paying corn farmers nationwide and the interests of more than 300,000 growers who contribute through corn checkoff programs in their states. NCGA and its 49 affiliated state organizations work together to create and increase opportunities for corn growers. For more information, visit www.ncga.com.

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Date: Monday, May 7, 2018 8:49:56 PM
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[ATT00001.htm](#)
[Biofuels - President Trump Joint Ag Industry Letter May 7 2018.pdf](#)
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 Doggett" [\(b\)\(6\)@ncga.com](#)>
Subject: NCGA and State Corn Associations Biofuels Letter to Secretary
 Perdue

Deputy Secretary Censky and Heidi:

Please find attached a letter to Secretary Perdue from corn grower leaders representing NCGA and state corn grower associations. Thank you for your advocacy for agriculture as USDA continues to work with President Trump, Administrator Pruitt and Members of Congress on biofuels policy.

I have also attached a related letter to President Trump from NCGA, ASA, American Farm Bureau, National Farmers Union and National Association of Wheat Growers.

Thank you,
 Kathy

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Thanks and best regards,

Steve

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Subject: EPA granted 49 RFS exemptions for 2016, 2017

By Eric Wolff

07/12/2018 04:11 PM EDT

EPA granted 49 exemptions from the Renewable Fuel Standard to small refiners in the 2016 and 2017 compliance years, according to a [letter](#) the agency sent today to Iowa Sen. [Chuck Grassley](#).

The pace was about double the 10-12 annual exemptions typically granted by the Obama administration.

Under departed Administrator Scott Pruitt, EPA granted 20 exemptions for the 2016 compliance year representing 790 billion Renewable Identification Numbers in blending, and it denied one. The agency granted 29 exemptions for the 2017 compliance year, and it is considering four more, according to the letter.

The letter said the agency has received no applications for 2018.

EPA would not reveal the names of companies getting the exemptions, saying that information is confidential, though reports have indicated that Andeavor and HollyFrontier have received them.

"The idea that disclosing to Congress the names of waiver recipients somehow reveals confidential business information doesn't make any sense and isn't acceptable," Grassley said in a statement. "Providing Congress with the names of recipients wouldn't reveal any details about their operations or finances. It's a necessary first step to making sure the law is being followed."






Grassley said he looks forward to meeting with acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler to discuss this and other RFS issues.

EPA's expanded use of the waivers infuriated ethanol producers and corn farmers who said the exemptions drove down the price of credits and killed incentives for using ethanol, though independent refiners have disputed that claim.

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Lastly, (b)(5) DPP
[Redacted] I hope to have that scheduled very soon.

Please let me know if you have any quesitons.

Thanks,

Brooke



Brooke S. Appleton

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 Kody Carson, Grower Board Member, Olton, Texas (High Plains)
 Bobby Nedbalek, Grower Board Member Sinton, Texas (South Texas)
 Jennifer Blackburn and Delanie Crist (NSP Communications Staff)
 John Duff (NSP Economist and General Support)

The group is in town for a special event with the new Administrator of EPA, Andrew Wheeler

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Pre-decisional

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Thanks,

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Predecisional/Deliberative

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I may not be reachable by phone tomorrow morning and early afternoon (b)(6)

However, I should be reachable by phone tomorrow afternoon (b)(6)

Let me know your thoughts and reactions, (b)(5) DPP

Thanks and best regards,

Steve

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- German diplomat moves to World Bank



Trade aid package to be announced Monday

The details of the \$12 billion package of aid to farmers hurt by tariffs are likely to be released Monday, rather than on Friday, as originally scheduled, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said Thursday, *Reuters* reported.

Perdue made the statement during a trip to Cortland, N.Y., to visit dairy farms.

A USDA spokesman confirmed Perdue's statement that the announcement will be Monday.

Perdue also discussed farm labor issues, Hudson Valley 360 reported.

- *Reuters* — US agriculture secretary: farm aid details may be disclosed Monday
- *Hudson Valley 360* — U.S. Ag Secretary Perdue visits Columbia County farms, addresses labor needs for farmers



Farmers for Free Trade issues questions about trade aid package

As the Trump administration was preparing to announce a \$12 billion package of aid to farmers hurt by tariffs, Farmers for Free Trade, a group promotes free trade in agricultural products, issued a list of 10 questions that it says farmers are asking about the trade aid.

"The aid package USDA will announce is, at best, an inadequate short-term solution," Angela Hoffman, deputy director of Farmers for Free Trade said in a news release. "We continue to believe that the best way to ease the pain farmers are shouldering would be to end the trade war. A one-time check won't replace the disappearance of long-term contracts and relationships."

1. How will individual losses due to tariffs be calculated?
2. Will some producers be compensated more than others?
3. Will this program address the full range of producers who are being harmed? What happens to produce, fruit, nut, specialty crop and other farmers who may not be included in the aid package?
4. How will these payments correct the underlying uncertainty in the market?
5. Will small and mid-sized farmers get a smaller piece of the pie based on a "per

bushel” calculation?

6. Will farmers struggling with drought conditions get less or no relief because of reduced production?
7. How will farmers be compensated for long-term impacts? Will there be a second aid package that addresses the more damaging long-term loss of markets?
8. What, if any relief will be provided for rising input costs - including the rising cost of items like tractors, grain bins, and fencing?
9. Will there be any payment limits?
10. What will happen to product that is purchased as part of the direct purchasing programs? Will it be destroyed or go back on the market? How will this impact prices?



Senate coalition urges removal of environmental riders

A coalition of 38 Senate Democrats led by Sens. Ben Cardin, D-Md., a senior member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and Tom Carper, D-Del., ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, on Thursday wrote farm bill conferees to urge them not to include what they called harmful riders in the House farm bill in the conference report.

“We hope the president can sign a farm bill conference report into law before the current legislation expires on October 1,” they wrote.

“Unfortunately, the House farm bill contains a number of damaging anti-environment provisions that now make meeting the upcoming reauthorization deadline exceedingly difficult.

“These harmful riders, spread throughout the Forestry, Horticulture, and Miscellaneous titles of the House bill, subjected the legislation to unnecessary opposition on the House floor and now complicates the bipartisan cooperation needed to pass a final conference report.”

- **Senate coalition letter to farm bill conferees**



NSAC: States could lose \$7 billion if CSP ends

If the House farm bill proposal to eliminate the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) remains in the conference report, 18 states across the Midwest, Delta, Plains, and the Pacific Northwest would cumulatively lose nearly \$7 billion in conservation spending while only two states, California and Texas, would come away winners, the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition said in a report released Thursday.

- **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition — Key Agricultural States Stand to Lose Billions Under House Bill Working Lands Conservation Proposal**



Memphis Meats, NAMI seek joint regulation of cell-based meat

The North American Meat Institute and Memphis Meats, a San Francisco-based company developing meat that would be produced by replicating cells, on Thursday wrote President Donald Trump to ask that the Food and Drug Administration and the Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service share regulatory responsibilities for cell-based "meat."

"As is the case for other new or novel foods or food ingredients, including those made from or otherwise used in meat and poultry products, FDA should have oversight over pre-market safety evaluations for cell-based meat and poultry products," the letter says.

"Historically, for evaluations relating to meat or poultry products, USDA has provided input to FDA as part of this process. Given USDA's expertise in regulating meat and poultry, that role should continue.

"After pre-market safety has been established with FDA, USDA should regulate cell-based meat and poultry products, as it does with all other meat and poultry products, applying relevant findings from FDA's safety evaluation to ensure products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled," the letter said.

But the U.S. Cattlemen's Association said, "USCA remains concerned about the use of the term 'meat,' but the commitment to come to the table to propose solutions is a step in the right direction. USCA continues to call on everyone in the cattle industry to get involved in this dialogue."

- **Memphis Meats-NAMI letter to President Trump**



Senators ask EPA to raise bio-based volumetric requirements

A coalition of 39 senators on Thursday sent a letter to Environmental Protection Agency Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler urging him to increase biomass-based diesel and advanced volumes and accurately account for small refinery hardship exemptions in the annual Renewable Fuel Standards.

The National Biodiesel Board released the letter and thanked Sens. Patty Murray, D-Wash., Roy Blunt, R-Mo., Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, for leading the letter.

- **Senate letter to Wheeler**



CFTC approves proposal to amend end-user clearing requirement

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) on Thursday unanimously approved a swap clearing requirement proposed rule that would exempt from the clearing requirement swaps entered into by bank holding companies and savings and loan holding companies with consolidated assets of \$10 billion or less, and community development financial institutions that meet certain conditions.

The CFTC said “The proposed rule is consistent with a 2016 staff no-action letter that provides relief from the clearing requirement swaps entered into by bank holding companies and savings and loan holding companies with consolidated assets of \$10 billion or less.”

“The proposal is also consistent with a 2016 staff no-action letter that provides relief from the clearing requirement swaps entered into by community development financial institutions that are certified by the U.S. Department of Treasury, provided that such institutions only engage in swaps within specific product classes and meet certain other limitations related to the number of swaps executed per year and an aggregate notional value cap,” CFTC said.

“This proposal is a direct result of CFTC Chairman J. Christopher Giancarlo’s agency-wide Project KISS initiative, which asked for recommendations from the public to make existing CFTC regulations simpler, less burdensome and less costly,” the statement said, referring to Giancarlo’s review of the agency, named for the colloquial acronym for “Keep It Simple, Stupid.”

“Project KISS also included a review all CFTC rules to reduce regulatory burdens and costs for participants in the markets the agency oversee.”

“This proposal would accomplish Project KISS goals by providing regulatory certainty and reduce the costs associated with the clearing requirement for these important end-users,” said Brian Bussey, Director of the Division of Clearing and Risk.

The deadline for submission of comments is 60 days after the proposals are published in the *Federal Register*.

▪ **CFTC – Amendments to Clearing Exemption for Swaps Entered Into by Certain Bank Holding Companies, Savings and Loan Holding Companies, and Community Development Financial Institutions**



FAS: Japan-EU agreement poses challenges for U.S. foods, nuts

Japan’s free-trade agreement with the European Union will make it harder for the U.S. processed food and nut industries to compete with EU products in Japan, the Agriculture Department’s Foreign Agricultural Service said in two reports.

▪ **USDA Foreign Agriculture Service – Japan: Free Trade Agreements Pose Challenges for U.S. Processed Products**

- – U.S. Nuts Less Competition Under New Japan Free Trade Agreements



Immigrant farm worker murder suspect had no record

Police are wondering why an Iowa farm worker with no criminal record would proceed to murder, *People* magazine reported.

- *People* – Police Wonder: If Mollie Tibbetts' Accused Killer Has No Record: Who Escalates to Murder That Fast?



South Africa displeased with Trump tweet on white farmers

The South African government expressed displeasure that President Donald Trump told Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to look into the issue of seizures of land from white farmers in South Africa,

There were also reports that Trump got the facts wrong and that white nationalist groups were pleased with the tweet.

- *Bloomberg* – Trump Misleads Again With Claim of South Africa Farm Murders
- *Time* – President Trump Tweeted About the 'Large Scale Killing' of White South African Farmers. That Doesn't Fit With the Facts



HudsonInstitute



From left, Hank Cordello of the Hudson Institute, Tracey Massey of Mars, and Bill Dietz of George Washington University, discuss how overweight and obese people decide what to buy and eat. (Jerry Hagstrom/*The Hagstrom Report*)

Study: Obese people make food purchase decisions differently

Health messaging will not be enough to change behaviors for the obesity and overweight segments, according to a study by the Hudson Institute and posted on its website.

Policies have been designed to inform overweight and obese consumers, but they do not respond to them the same way consumers with a healthy weight do, the study says.

“Why They Buy: Fighting Obesity Through Consumer Marketing Research” by Hank Cordello, the director of Hudson’s Food Policy Center, recommends:

- The packaged snacks and sweet baked goods and restaurant sectors need to make commitments to lower calories. “Stealth” measures such as removing calories without communicating the change and portion control were identified as essential to achieving these goals.
- Regulators and the public health community must reassess standard tactics and broaden their analytical “toolkit” to ensure more effective food policy across all weight segments.
- More research is needed into overweight/obesity groups to gain a better understanding of their tradeoffs across a full array of products; how to message to them more effectively; and as input to policy development.

The Hudson Institute held an event on June 14 at which Cordello discussed the topic on a panel with Bill Dietz, chair and director of the Sumner M. Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness in the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University, and Tracey Massey, president, Americas, for Mars Wrigley Confectionery.

- **Hudson Institute – Why They Buy: Fighting Obesity Through Consumer Marketing Research**
- – **Video of “Fighting Obesity” panel discussion**
- – **Slide presentation**



SUMMER EVENTS AT THE EMBASSIES

Denmark4

A panel discusses approaches and solutions to food waste. From left, moderator Liz Crampton of Politico, Patrick Bultema of Food Maven, journalist Jonathan Bloom, Kai Robertson of the World Resources Institute, and Elise Golan of the Agriculture Department. (Jerry Hagstrom/The Hagstrom Report)

Danish embassy promotes food waste solutions with movie

Denmark1



Anna Chai and Nari Kye, directors of the film "Wasted!," explain that they were inspired by the late Anthony Bourdain with whom they worked. (Jerry Hagstrom/The Hagstrom Report)

The Embassy of Denmark sponsored an event on food waste and loss at Ambassador Lars Lose's residence in July, featuring a screening of the film "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste" presented by directors Anna Chai and Nari Kye.

The film, which aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle and eat food, includes interviews with the late Anthony Bourdain and chefs Dan Barber, Mario Batali, Massimo Bottura, and Danny Bowien.

During a panel discussion that followed, Patrick Bultema, CEO of Food Maven, a Colorado firm, explained how an entrepreneur can make use of food waste.

Jonathan Bloom, a journalist, explained the breadth of the issue, Kai Robertson of the World Resources Institute explained a nongovernment organization's approach and Elise Golan, director of sustainable development in the Office of the Chief Economist at the Agriculture Department, discussed the government's role in addressing food waste.

The panel was moderated by Liz Crampton, a *Politico* agriculture reporter.

The film and a panel discussion were followed by a buffet dinner prepared by embassy chefs and trainees from D.C. Central Kitchen.

▪ “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste”

Denmark2



Those attending the Danish Embassy event on food waste dined on the terrace of Ambassador Lars Lose's residence afterward. (Jerry Hagstrom/The Hagstrom Report)

Denmark3



A buffet of Danish food was prepared with the help of trainees from D.C. Central Kitchen. (Jerry Hagstrom/The Hagstrom Report)



PaulLuu-FrenchEmbassy



Paul Luu, a French agronomist with the “4 Per 1000” initiative, discusses soil health at the Embassy of France in Washington recently. (Jerry Hagstrom/The Hagstrom Report)

French Embassy posts soil conference recap

The Embassy of France in Washington has posted presentations from a conference it held in June titled “Soil Health Practices: Common Ground on Experience and Knowledge.”

At the conference, Paul Luu, a French agronomist who is executive secretary of the “4 Per 1000” initiative that France launched at the 2015 Paris climate change conference, urged attendees to participate in the initiative, which is intended to bring together national governments, local and regional governments, companies, trade organizations, NGOs, research facilities, and other stakeholders, under the framework of the Lima-Paris Action Plan.

“The aim of the initiative is to demonstrate that agriculture, and in particular agricultural soils, can play a crucial role where food security and climate change are concerned,” Luu said.

“Supported by solid scientific documentation, this initiative invites all partners to state or implement some practical actions on soil carbon storage and the type of practices to achieve this (e.g. agroecology, agroforestry, conservation agriculture, landscape management, etc.).



Paul Luu

“The ambition of the initiative is to encourage stakeholders to transition towards a productive, highly resilient agriculture, based on the appropriate management of lands and soils, creating jobs and incomes hence ensuring sustainable development.”

The Executive Secretariat of the “4 Per 1000” initiative is hosted by the CGIAR System Organization, an international organization based in Montpellier, France.

In a summary of the conference, the embassy noted that agricultural soils “are indispensable in feeding the population, and are thus important for food security.”

“If, on the one hand, they can support solid economic activity, which is particularly important in rural areas where agriculture constitutes the spinal column of human activity, they are also a fragile resource. Soil is like a living being that has to be nourished, balanced, and cannot be exhausted, at the risk of becoming ‘dead earth,’” the summary said.

“Agricultural activity, in order to be sustainable, must first be able to protect soils. This means maintaining a sufficient level of organic matter, fighting against depletion in minerals and erosion, and also improving water retention ...

“While agricultural models and different agronomic practices differ from one area to another, from one country to another, the problems of soil health are ultimately rather comparable, and there is much to gain in exchanging practices, examples

and challenges.”

- Embassy of France in Washington, French Food in the U.S. — Soil Health Practices: Common Ground on Experience and Knowledge
- ‘4 Per 1000’ Initiative

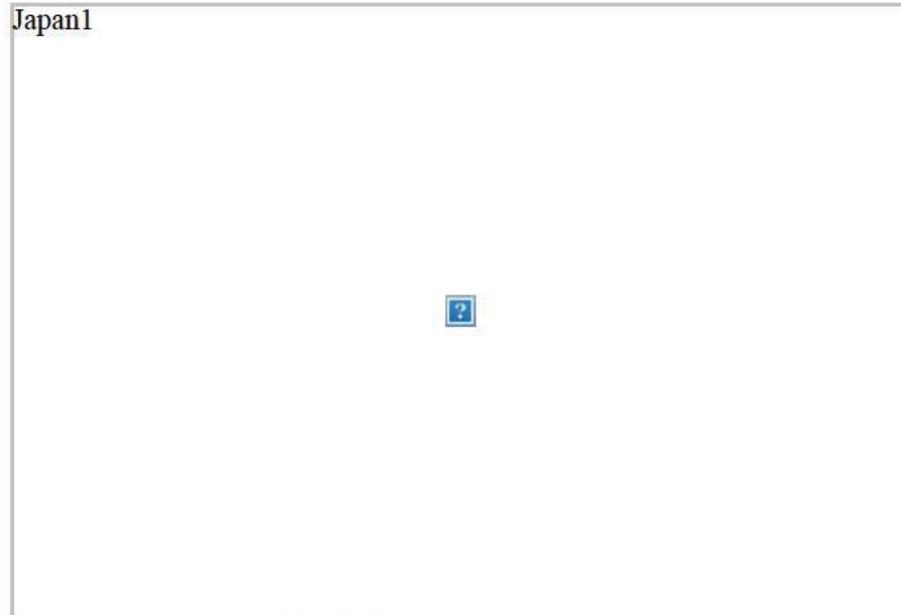
France-Food



Buffet served at the Embassy of France in Washington. (Jerry Hagstrom/The Hagstrom Report)



Japan1



Marsha Echols, the director of The World Food Law Institute and a professor at Howard University School of Law, waits in line for sushi at the Japanese embassy's annual reception highlighting Japanese food and drink. (Jerry Hagstrom/The Hagstrom Report)

Japan Embassy holds reception, OKs U.S. sheep, goats

At its annual reception highlighting Japanese food and drink in July, embassy officials announced that Japan will allow U.S. sheep and goat exports into the

country for the first time in more than 14 years.

The announcement came after the Agriculture Department technical staff worked with Japanese authorities to establish new terms for market access that are science-based and consistent with international public and animal health standards, USDA said in a news release.

Last year, Japan imported \$169 million in sheep and goat meat, primarily from Australia and New Zealand, USDA said.

The event, which attracted American lobbyists, U.S. government officials and journalists, is known for the quality of the sushi and is co-hosted by Embassy of Japan, JA Zenchu and Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC).

Japan2



A plate of Japanese food and beer. (Jerry Hagstrom/ The Hagstrom Report)



German1



In the garden of the German Embassy, from left, Carl Willner, president of the Capital Chapter of the German Wine Society; Astrid Jakobs de Pádua, the outgoing German agriculture counselor in Washington; Jerry Hagstrom; and Markus Brill, the incoming agriculture counselor.

German diplomat moves to World Bank

Astrid Jakobs de Pádua, who has been the agriculture counselor at the German Embassy in Washington, has finished her tenure at the embassy and has been assigned by the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture to the Agriculture Global Practice section of the World Bank.

The embassy held a reception in July honoring her and welcoming her successor, Markus Brill.

German2

A dessert at the German Embassy reception. In the background is U.S. Apple Association President and CEO Jim Bair.



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Ray, Rob, Seth, and Brooke,

First, Rob and Seth, thanks for the quick turn-around.

Second, I made a few edits, **(b)(5) DPP**

Thanks and best regards,

Steve

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The elements of the deal are outlined in the word doc.
 Rob and Seth.

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Thanks,
-Ray

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Ray,

Made a few edits. Revised version is attached.

Thanks and best regards,

Steve

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Thanks,
-Ray

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DELIBERATIVE and PRE-DECISIONAL

Mr. Secretary,

Here's the document I promised, which includes a [\(b\)\(5\) DPP](#)

The [\(b\)\(5\) DPP](#)

We at least wanted to have that captured on paper as well.

Thanks,

-Ray

Ray A. Starling
United States Department of Agriculture

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Deliberative/Pre-decisional

Mr. Secretary,

I'll be going to the meeting tomorrow morning that Administrator Pruitt has arranged on the RFS. He has invited Poet and Green Plains from the ethanol side, and Valero and Monroe from the refiner side.

The ethanol industry is prepared to present the attached (b)(5) DPP

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Seth is still working on these tables for me, or else I'd send them to you (b)(5) DPP

We'll see what happens tomorrow. I'll send you an update.

Steve

From: Haley.Forest@osec.usda.gov on behalf of (b)(6) OSEC, Washington, DC Perdue
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Subject: Meeting with Chief Kelly Re: RFS

List of attendees:

Chief of Staff Kelly
Administrator Pruitt
Jeff Warmann, CEO, Monroe Energy
Joe Gorder, CEO, Valero
Jeff Broin, CEO, POET, LLC
Todd Becker, CEO, Green Plains Renewable Energy

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Subject: Meeting with Chief Kelly Re: RFS

List of attendees:
Secretary Perdue
Chief of Staff Kelly
Administrator Pruitt

Administrator Pruitt and Secretary Perdue will brief General Kelly on current status of RFS negotiations during the meeting

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Subject: Final RFS Memo
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 12:13:38 PM
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Mr. Secretary,

The Deputy asked that I share with you the RFS reform memo in final form. I sent this over to Ray yesterday as well.

Thanks,

Brooke



Brooke S. Appleton

Chief of Staff
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Mr. Secretary,

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Thanks and best regards,

Steve

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By Eric Wolff

04/09/2018 12:52 PM EDT

A biofuels lobby group says the drop in prices for biofuels credits has prompted two large truck stop chains to reduce their use of biodiesel.

Love's and Pilot Flying J, which together make up 30 percent of U.S. diesel sales, have backed off their blending of biodiesel in some markets because of the drop in prices for Renewable Identification Numbers, the compliance credits used for the Renewable Fuel Standard, according to Michael McAdams, president of the Advanced Biofuels Association. Both retail chains are members of the group.

"So we have demand destruction because now it would cost them money to put fuels in and raise the price to the trucker," McAdams said.

The drop gives biofuels advocates new ammunition ahead of a meeting today that President Donald Trump will hold with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue over whether to alter the biofuels program. Biofuel advocates have said that actions that suppress RIN prices, such as a RIN price cap, will lead to a reduction in biofuels demand.

Blenders like Love's and Pilot Flying J typically sell RINs to refiners who need them for compliance with the RFS. The two companies did not immediately respond to requests for comment.






RIN prices fell as EPA granted at least 25 compliance waivers to small oil refineries and allowed bankrupt refiner Philadelphia Energy Solutions to avoid much of its compliance obligation.

WHAT'S NEXT: Trump, Pruitt and Perdue are expected to meet this afternoon.

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Mr. Secretary,

I just spoke with Bill Wehrum, EPA Assistant Administrator, via telephone. (b)(5) DPP

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Thanks,

Brooke

EXCLUSIVE-U.S. EPA grants biofuels waiver to billionaire Icahn's oil refinery -sources -

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- Icahn was regulatory adviser to Trump until August 2017
- Obama administration had denied waiver for the refinery

By Jarrett Renshaw and Chris Prentice

NEW YORK, April 30 (Reuters) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has granted a financial hardship waiver to an oil refinery owned by billionaire Carl Icahn, a former adviser to President Donald Trump, exempting the Oklahoma facility from requirements under a federal biofuels law, according to two industry sources briefed on the matter.

The waiver enables Icahn's CVR Energy Inc [CVI.N](#) to avoid tens of millions of dollars in costs related to the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. The regulation is meant to cut air pollution, reduce petroleum imports and support corn farmers by requiring refiners to mix billions of gallons of biofuels into the nation's gasoline and diesel each year.

The Small Refiners Coalition, which represents companies that operate small refining facilities, has defended the EPA's waiver program, saying the EPA is required by law to help small refineries struggling with the RFS and that the exemptions are crucial to their financial well-being.

But the exemption for CVR's Wynnewood, Oklahoma, plant prompted fresh criticism

from the powerful corn lobby, which already has accused Trump's EPA of over-using the hardship waiver program in a way that hurts demand for ethanol.

"This one's going to be hard for (Scott) Pruitt to explain," Brooke Coleman, head of the Advanced Biofuels Business Council industry group, said in an email on Friday, referring to the EPA administrator.

CVR spokeswoman Brandee Stephens declined to comment regarding the waiver. EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman did not respond to repeated requests by telephone and email for comment. Efforts to reach Icahn and his attorney for comment were not successful.

An early supporter of Trump's 2016 presidential run and a key supporter on Wall Street, Icahn had met with Pruitt when Pruitt was being vetted in late 2016 for the EPA administrator job, according to news reports at the time.

Icahn stepped down from his position as special regulatory adviser to the Republican president last August after lawmakers cited potential ethical problems in his dual role as an adviser and an investor. ([Full Story](#))

Currently, Icahn is under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice for his role in influencing biofuels policy while serving as Trump's adviser. Some U.S. lawmakers have expressed concern that Icahn may have used his presidential access to benefit his investments, a charge Icahn has rejected.

CVR acknowledged the Justice Department probe in an earnings statement on Friday, but noted that "the U.S. Attorney's office has not made any claims or allegations against CVR Refining or Mr. Icahn." The Justice Department did not respond to a request for comment on Friday, and has a policy of not discussing ongoing investigations. ([Full Story](#))

To prove RFS compliance, refiners must earn or purchase tradable blending credits - awarded by the government for each blended gallon of fuel - and hand them in to the EPA yearly.

The EPA has the authority to exempt small refineries of under 75,000 barrels per day from the requirement under the hardship waiver program if they can prove that compliance would cause them "disproportionate financial hardship."

With the exemption, CVR would not have to turn over the credits related to the Wynnewood facility for 2017, according to the two sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The waiver was granted in recent months but the sources did not say precisely when.

The refinery had been denied the exemptions by Democratic former President Barack Obama's administration, federal filings showed.

BIOFUELS PROFITS

The Trump administration has fielded a surge of applications from small refiners for the hardship exemptions, driven by a 2017 federal appeals court ruling that the EPA had been using too narrow a definition of "financial hardship" in its waiver assessments under Obama.

The Trump administration has also expressed an eagerness to help refiners cope with the RFS, and hosted a series of meetings at the White House to discuss possible solutions, further encouraging applications. ([Full Story](#))

The EPA has said it granted around two dozen waivers for 2017 but has declined to name the recipients, deeming it confidential business information. Under Obama, the EPA granted about eight waivers annually.

The waivers have the potential to save companies tens of millions of dollars, by allowing them to avoid blending or paying for credits on the open market, and by permitting them to sell any credits they have on hand to others.

CVR this week reported a \$23 million profit in the biofuels credit market in the first quarter of 2018 due to what it called a lower RFS obligation, an unusual return for a refiner that has no biofuel blending facilities.

The company also said it expects its cost of complying with the RFS requirements to fall to \$80 million for the entirety of 2018 from a previous estimate of \$200 million, and from roughly \$249 million in 2017.

CEO David Lamp said in a conference call with analysts on Thursday that he would not discuss whether the improved numbers were derived from an EPA waiver.

"CVR Energy has had a long history of keeping RFS compliance strategy confidential," Lamp said.

(Reporting by Jarrett Renshaw and Chris Prentice; Editing by Richard Valdmanis and Will Dunham)

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Sir below is a draft note for you to send to General Kelly with the attached memo. Rob updated based on your request this afternoon.

General Kelly--

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